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WINNING SCHOOL

St. Ann Catholic School in Fenwick has had a good year in sports. The school of fewer than 150 students has won championships in baseball, badminton, track and other Niagara Catholic District School Board sports.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Clark enters Ward 1 race

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

Larry Clark plans a positive campaign in his bid for a seat on town council.

The Fenwick resident will run in Ward 1, a large rural ward running from the northern boundary to the southern limits of Pelham and wrapping around the north end of Ward 2. It borders Ward 3 in the south.

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REMEMBRANCE: Other branches plan to copy park

Legion thanks veterans' park committee

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Pelham Veterans Park committee members were thanked with certificates of appreciation from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613. The committee organized the fundraising and construction of the park around a cenotaph in front of the legion hall on Regional Rd. 20. Front from left, Gunter Eyer, Jean Bancroft, Jan Eyer and Maxine Gaylor; in back, Rick Hatt, Gerry Berkhout, Kevin Ker for the late Bud Ker, Lionel Rochette and Jack DeKorte. Absent committee members are Barry Davis, Bernie Law, Vilma Moretti, Mayor Dave Augustyn, Gayle Baltjes-Chataway, Sandee Mathews, Leo Giovenazzo, Gail Pellow and Paul Ryan.

WAYNE CAMPBELL
Tribune Staff

PELHAM – What started out as a sad observation has turned into a landmark envied by others.

Following a wet Remembrance Day ceremony in 2006 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 in Fonthill, Jack DeKorte said veterans who fought for Canada shouldn't stand in the mud to remember their comrades.

It triggered the idea of the Pelham Veterans' Park, which now surrounds a cenotaph in front of the legion.

A committee was formed to create a park for the 90th anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, which ended the First World War.

The committee's efforts blossomed into a major fundraising effort through the sale of name bricks for veterans, citizens and companies. It included donations of benches, flag pole, war markers and the park's sign.

Bricks were bought for veterans from across Canada and overseas. A stretch of Regional Rd. 20 in front of the park was renamed Veterans Way.

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■ CANADA DAY

July 1 parade follows new route on Pelham St.

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS

Everyone avoids road construction on Haist St., including the Town of Pelham.

This year's Canada Day Parade will move to Pelham St. from Haist St. Usually the march to Harold Black Park begins at A.K. Wigg Public School and rolls down Haist.

It will begin at Pancake Lane and Pelham St., move down to the Quaker and Pelham intersection and then along Welland Rd. to Haist St. S. and down to the park. The route is almost three kilometres.

A reconstruction of a stretch of Haist St. from Welland Rd. to Canboro has begun. However, Haist St. south of Welland Rd. is not affected. Last year on Canada Day some Haist St. residents lined the parade route with protest signs. They objected to reconstruction plans that could affect front yards.

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Mayor Dave Augustyn receives a cheque for $2,500 from Les Hildebrand of the Fonthill Volunteer Fire Association. It will help pay for a Canada Day fireworks display in Harold Black Park on July 1.

A map is available on the town's website, www.pelham.ca and on promotional material.

Application forms for those who wish to enter floats and units as well as for children with decorated wagons, bikes and strollers are available on the town's website.

Canada Day celebrations will continue in Harold Black Park from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Pelham's Got Talent contest remains one of the highlights of the day. Deadline for performers to register for the contest is Monday, June 21. Application forms are on the town's website.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will help direct a series of performances by local bands through the day.

A new twist for this year is a pie baking contest sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613. It has two divisions fruit, such as apple and cherry, and custard or cream, such as lemon or coconut. Judging for taste, appearance, texture and smell will be from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

The popular 6th annual Pet Show by the Welland & District Humane Society starts at 2:30 p.m. Registration forms are available on the town's website and there is a $2 fee. If you have a dog, bring your bag and scooper.

The park will have food booths including one by the Fonthill Lions and Lioness, entertainment for children and an art show by In the Orchard Programming for the Arts.

Local bands will perform throughout the day at Harold Black.

Not all the action will be in Harold Black Park.

Since Canada Day falls on a Thursday, Peace Park in downtown Fonthill will have the Pelham Farmers Market from 4:30 p.m. to dusk and the Bandshell concert will present Lincoln & Welland Ambassadors swing band from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

And the day will end with a bang with the Canada Day fireworks display in Harold Black Park — weather permitting.

■ CANDIDATE

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The other two wards cover the eastern end of Pelham and split Fonthill.

Clark, 51, owns Clark Construction and has lived in Fenwick for eight years and in Fonthill for the 20 years before. Through his company, he has built 40 to 50 homes in Fonthill and Fenwick as well as renovated many more, he said.

As past president of the Pelham Business Association, he said he can apply his business experience to council.

In particular he said, he "doesn't want to see to see my taxes go up again" as they have over the past eight years.

During the next couple of years, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will increase assessments about 10%, he said. Town council will make decisions on how to tax that increased assessment.

Clark said he has a group of supporters who will study issues facing the town. In August, he will come out with a formal outline on his positions on issues facing the town.

"We will want to take a positive approach," he said.

Clark and his wife Carol have two children Courtney, who is in university and Kurtis, in college.

Clark said with his children, who attended A.K. Wigg Public and E. L. Crossley Secondary School, off to school, he has more time to serve on council.

Pelham town council consists of a mayor and six councillors, two from each ward. They serve four-year terms.

Ward 1 is now represented by Coun. Debbie Urbanowicz, who is running again, and Coun. Jim Lane, who hasn't indicated if he is.

Mayor Dave Augustyn has also filed his papers to run.

The municipal election is on Oct. 25.

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■ LEGION

FROM PAGE A1

More than 1,000 people turned out for the dedication of the $136,000 park on Nov. 11, 2008 and hundreds came for Remembrance Day 2009.

"It takes a lot of people to put in a lot of effort to make this park," said Legion branch president Howard Margeson as he thanked the committee by giving out certificates of appreciation at a branch meeting Tuesday.

The park has become the envy of other legion branches, he said.

Some have contacted Fonthill about the park with plans to create one of their own.

Gerry Berkhout, chair of the veteran's park committee, said the presentation of certificates rounds off the park committee's activities.

It even has money in the bank to cover maintenance.

DeKorte said the town has something it can take pride in.

Committee members were: Gunter Eyer, Jean Bancroft, Jan Eyer, Maxine Gaylor, Rick Hatt, Gerry Berkhout, the late Bud Ker, Lionel Rochette and Jack DeKorte, Barry Davis, Bernie Law, Vilma Moretti, Mayor Dave Augustyn, Gayle Baltjes-Chataway, Sandee Mathews, Leo Giovenazzo, Gail Pellow and Paul Ryan.

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■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPORTS

St. Ann brings home championships

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

St. Ann Catholic School's girls baseball team won the championship in the recent Niagara Catholic District School Board season. Team members are: front from left, Jessica Koudys, Cailyn Zamora, Hayley Vanderzanden, Danni Makkreel and Shelby Brower; back row from left Hayley Goossen, Kalyna McIntosh, Hannah Zamora, Megan Benson, Michela Iannetti, Nicole Vanderhout, and coach Angela Ventresca.

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

St. Ann Catholic School boys brought home the consolation prize in the Niagara Catholic District School Board baseball competition. The team are: front from left, Owen Vandervanden, Rocco Laurenti, Grant Bonsignore, and Jesse Burger; back from left, Nicholas Mercier, Aaron Ruesen, Alexander Foster-McCulloch, Taylor Vanderzanden and coach Angela Ventresca.

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Liliana McIntosh of St. Ann Catholic School in Fenwick won four ribbons at the recent Niagara Catholic District School Board track and field meet. She was named the Junior Athlete of the Year.

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

St. Ann Catholic school badminton team came home with the Niagara Catholic District School Board championship, the girls single and the girls double prizes from a district tournament. From left front are Hannah Zamora, Kalyna McIntosh who also took the girls singles, Kacy Czychun, and Hayley Goossen and Megan Benson the girls double champs. Second row from left are coach Paul Fanfara, Nicholas Mercier, Grant Bonsignore, Aaron Ruesen, Alex Foster-McCulloch and Taylor Vanderzanden.

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Seeking volunteers

If you enjoy the Thursday Night Concerts through the summer, you may want to take up an offer from its organizers.

They are looking for short-term volunteers to help out two or three Thursdays during the summer.

For five years, a committee of less than a dozen people has put together the weekly entertainment. They have spent hours setting up, taking down, collecting donations and helping people up and down the hill. During the off season, they work together to select the entertainment for the next season.

It's difficult for any organization to attract long-term volunteers.

Many people are busy with family, work and other volunteer activities. Any member of a service club, social service agency, sports organization, school program or church group will tell you there is always more work than people to do it.

However, if your organization is flexible enough to use volunteers for short periods of time, it may find more volunteers available. At least that's what the Fonthill Bandshell committee hopes.

Its success has increased its need for help.

On a Thursday night, you can expect around 1,000 people to surround the bandshell. Some of them, such as seniors may need help getting out of cars or carrying chairs up the hill. Some may need directions on where to park. That could become challenging this summer when construction revamps Pelham St. in downtown Fonthill.

To help out, the committee is recruiting helpers. They may not be available every Thursday but could help out occasionally.

They will probably find it more fun than work once they get involved chatting with people they haven't met before.

It's a great way to both hear good music and ensure the entertainment continues into the future.

If you have couple of evenings free call Gayle Baltjes-Chataway at 905-892-5756.

Safety program watches the beaches

Brian Baty
REGIONAL COUNCIL VIEW

There are 38 public beaches in Niagara.

Water quality is monitored by The Niagara Region Public Health Department at 35 of those locations while the City of St.Catharines monitors its three beaches with test samples in all cases sent to the regional public health testing facility in Hamilton.

The objective of beach monitoring is "to prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illness and injury related to waters used for bathing at public beaches". The Board of Health in Niagara is part of Niagara Regional Council. It is responsible for taking water samples for testing at a minimum of one sample each from each sample site weekly and a minimum of five sample sites per beach.

The sampling is required to begin prior to, and continue over, the entire bathing season. The bathing beach water quality standard in Ontario is 100 E. coli/100 ml. of water. The beach should be considered for "Posting" when the standard is exceeded.

Beach samples are typically collected on Mondays and Tuesdays with results available on Wednesdays and Thursdays making results available on the weekends when beach use is expected to be highest.

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Town improving more roads this summer

Dave Augustyn
MAYORAL VIEW

As you drive around our town this summer, you will see some additional road improvements.

Even though we are undertaking some large and special projects — like reconstructing Haist Street, burying the hydro lines on Pelham Street, and installing new playgrounds throughout town — council remains committed to annually improving the town's road infrastructure.

RURAL ROADS

You might find it interesting that Pelham issues a joint tender with the townships of West Lincoln and Wainfleet for reconstructing and resurfacing of rural roads using a "bituminous" surface treatment.

By working together and offering a larger contact, each municipality gets better tender pricing.

The following rural roads are scheduled for reconstruction:

Effingham St. from Roland Road to Sixteen;

Roland Road from Cream St. to Centre St. and from Sulphur Spring Dr. to 400 metres west;

Foss Rd. from Farr St. to Church St.;

Chantler Rd. from just west of Effingham to Cream St. and from Balfour St. to Church St.;

Centre St. from Sixteen Rd. to Kilman Rd.

Rural road reconstruction includes placing granular material to increase the thickness of the road base, pulverizing the old road surface and recycling it into the road base, and applying a double layer of bituminous surface treatment.

The following rural roads are scheduled for resurfacing.

Staines St.;

River Rd. from Cream St. to the Niagara Central Airport entrance;

Luffman Drive from Sulphur Spring Dr. to Orchard Hill Rd.

Rural road resurfacing includes applying a single layer of bituminous surface treatment to help seal the existing road surface and to help protect the road base.

URBAN ROADS

The town will also resurface a number of urban roads with a layer of asphalt, and will repair catch basins, manholes, sidewalks and curbs adjacent to the resurfacing projects.

The following urban roads are scheduled for resurfacing this year:

Edward Avenue from Welland Road to Lawrence Lane;

Merritt Road from Pelham St. to Line Ave.;

Station Street from Port Robinson Rd. to Regional Road 20;

Spruceside Cres. from Milburn Dr. to Pelham St.;

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Talking to the wheat

"I think you're an acquired taste Arn," says Donna Jean at the breakfast table.

She could be talking about any part of his personality, and she would be right on just about any count. He has heard his wife's not even sarcastic remark that "You're an odd little man, Arnie," in some form, from more sources than a tree has branches.

Arnie Dyker

He takes it as a kind of praise. Hey, half the people in the world are men, but how many can be odd little men?

This time, though, she's talking about the column he writes for a bunch of local papers.

It is perhaps flattering that she picks out the particular words, "Your humour might be too sophisticated for some people."

She is, after all, his wife, and would prefer not to deal with the hurt feelings that go with some of the other words she might have chosen — incomprehensible, weird but not particularly wonderful, so far off the wall it's on the ceiling, nobody gets it when you tell a joke, what on earth are you talking about this time?

What is odd is that, in over 30 years of married life, he can't recall her using the word "sophisticated" to describe him, ever before.

It is true that, when he tells a joke, nobody gets it. A lot of them don't even let him finish — they just get bored and start up a new conversation. The kinder ones give him three or four minutes before they do that, but their eyes start to glaze over after one and a half. It gets a soul discouraged to be halfway through a story and see this kind of behaviour. It makes a soul think, "Ah crap, I'm getting too sophisticated again."

Arn's a country boy at heart — born in a tiny town on a hill called Mount Hebron, a few miles outside the great metropolis of Sussex, N.B. (That one's big enough to find on a good road map.) Moved with his parents to the big city of Port Weller at the age of five.

Then, down the road 10 miles to Thorold where he spent most of his childhood and a good portion of his adult life, except for four years at the University of Waterloo, studying science; then one at The Ontario College of Education in Toronto, learning to be a teacher.

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WHEAT

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He learned two things at this last stop on the track that was his formal education — First: he didn't want to be a teacher. And second: Toronto ain't no place for a country boy.

It wouldn't be fair to say the Town (now small city) of Thorold became too oppressively crowded. But the last 20 plus years have found Arn and Donna Jean located out there in the wide-open country air that can be inhaled in North Pelham, Ontario, Canada.

North Pelham, population somewhere around 300, is practically a small city, itself, compared to Mount Hebron.

But it's still excellent soil for a country boy at heart and his open air kind of wife to put down roots.

Maybe it's the University of Waterloo in him that makes Arnie's humour too sophisticated for so many people.

Maybe it's the farm boy in him that makes his style too low-key for the city slickers to fully appreciate.

Maybe it's the slower lifestyle inherent in the place where he spent those first five years that makes the impatient people interrupt and miss out on the delicious punch line at the end.

For sure, it's the country boy in him that makes him reply to his wife, when she says, "How come you're so sure everybody finds you funny, my odd little man?":

"Oh they don't all have to think I'm funny. That sets the bar too high.

"It's kind of a test. I can tell the nice people right away. The sophisticated ones. They'll sit there smiling sweetly right to the end. And they'll laugh when it gets there, even if it comes out a little forced.....

"It's not about funny. It's about courtesy.

"The kindred souls can see that I'm trying. And they appreciate that. That's what separates the top-of-the-line folks from the clunkers.

"It gives me a chance to say, 'It was awful kind of you to let me finish my story. I always thought of you as a fine human being.'

"It's my way of separating the wheat from the chaff.

"Because maybe I don't need my kind of humour to be appreciated by absolutely everybody.

"When one of them chaff people starts talking right in the middle of my sentence, maybe I can just give them a cold stare right in the eye and say: 'Excuse me.....

'I was talking to the wheat.'"

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AUGUSTYN

FROM PAGE A4

Mayfair Avenue from Chestnut St. to Lorimer St.;

Leslie Place (including installation of a subdrain to resolve ongoing drainage problems);

Effingham Street from Canboro Rd. to Pancake Lane (including cleaning roadside ditches and installing new culverts to help with drainage);

Rest assured that Council remains committed to maintaining and improving the town's road infrastructure.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

BATY

FROM PAGE A4

Infections of the eye, ear, nose, throat, skin and intestine can be acquired from bathing in beach water that is contaminated.

E. coli bacteria are naturally present in the intestines of humans, animals and birds and therefore are considered an indicator of sewage or fecal contamination when found in the environment. E. coli does not live long outside its host so the accepted practice of having a two day lag in testing the water before "Posting" or "Unposting" a beach seemed appropriate. Over the course of the 2009 bathing season all 38 of Niagara's beaches were "Posted" at least once and resulted in a combined total of 1408 (32%) swimming days lost.

Starting in 2008 Niagara Regional Public Health department started testing Crystal Beach and Nickel Beach five times a week to determine if the two day lag in weekly test results were accurate for the "Posting" or "Unposting" a beach for water safety.

The results showed that there were seven times that a "Posting" was up yet the water was safely below the E. coli level There were four times that the beaches were "Unposted" when the E. coli levels exceeded the safety standard. This causes concern about the validity of weekly testing and the two day lag in obtaining results from the Hamilton lab.

A rapid testing method is in the research stage but is not economically feasible at this time. It is felt that daily sampling combined with environmental survey data would allow for "predictive modeling" which has been found to be more accurate than the current provincial system of weekly testing.

This form of predictive modeling bas shown great success in a number of states in the USA and can be employed here in Niagara once we have gathered two full seasons' data.

The public can access information on the beaches by checking the NRPH website at http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health wellness/beaches/default.aspx or by phoning the beach hotline at 905-688-8248, ext. 7789

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Q. What is a soft liner?
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Q. What are the advantages of a soft liner?
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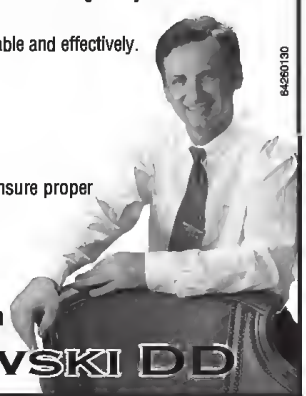

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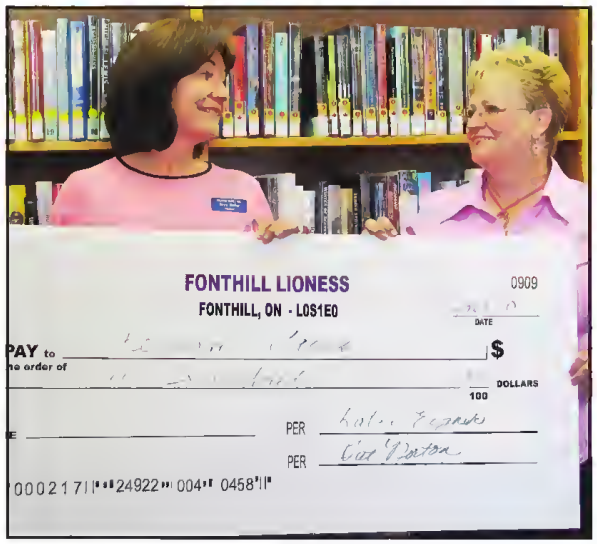

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Dawn Butler, left, of Pelham Cares receives a $500 cheque from the Pat Norton of the Fonthill Lioness Club. It comes from money raised by the club over the past year. Butler said Pelham Cares will use the donation to buy perishable food such as fruit, vegetables, bread and milk for the food bank.

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Laura Kmety, deputy director of Pelham Public Library, receives a $500 cheque from Pat Norton of the Fonthill Lioness Club. It comes from money raised by the club over the past year. Kmety said the donation will be used to purchase large-print books in keeping with Lioness support of the visually handicapped and the blind.

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■ **MUSIC:** Weekly until Sept. 9

Thursday night concerts return to bandshell

PelhamNEWS Staff

Crowds occupied the hill overlooking the Fonthill bandshell this week as the Thursday Night Concert returned to Peace Park.

"We're excited about coming back, we've missed everyone," said bandshell committee chair Gayle Baltjes-Chataway. "It seems a long time since we've been on the hill."

The bandshell concert series began its fifth season with Niagara dance band Sandy Vine & the Midnights. It will end Sept. 9 with the Modbeats, a 1960s rock show.

The three-month series, offers family friendly, free entertainment, with music ranging from rockabilly and country to a capella '80s and classic rock, and some in between.

Next Thursday Steve Strongman's searing, blues soaked guitar and warm soulful vocal harmonies will evoke the emotion, maturity and authenticity of classic blues themes like lost love, truth and hard times.

Strongman has quickly moved into the top ranks of Canadian Blues music, and is undeniably one of the most compelling young bluesmen in the scene today, said a reviewer

"It is strong family entertainment," said Baltjes-Chataway about the concert series program.

The committee welcomes volunteers to assist with the program even if it is just for a two or three Thursdays, she said. They can help with assisting people in the park or getting out of cars as well as set up and collecting donations.

"We are a small committee and appreciate all the help we can get," she said.

Since Canada Day falls on a Thursday this year, the Lincoln & Welland Ambassadors will bring its big-band sound to the bandshell in Peace Park during the regular time of 7 p.m.

The committee officially announced the lineup last month during a launch party at Lookout Ridge in Fonthill.

The concerts regularly attract over 1,000 people to the park in Pelham town square. It's held the same evening as the Pelham Farmers Market, which runs from 4:30 p.m. to dusk.

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A small group of people each week collects donations during the weekly shows usually by passing the bucket.

Anyone interested in volunteering for a few hours can contact Baltjes-Cbataway at 905-892-5756. The entertainment consists of both local and Niagara bands as well as a few from outside the area. Selections are made by the committee during the winter months. For more information on the concert series, including photos and profiles of this year's performers, go to www.fonthillbandshell.com

The lineup for the 2010 Fonthill Bandshell Concert Series:

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July 15: The Rockin 50s show, sponsored by Communities of Lookout Ridge and Portal Village

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Aug. 26: Christopher Plock, sponsored by Sobey's

Sept. 2: Marty Allen, sponsored by Provincial Hearing Consultants

Sept. 9: Modbeats, sponsored by Pelham Business Association

All concerts take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in Peace Park, downtown Fonthill.

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■ BASKETBALL CHAMPS

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo
The town honoured the Pelham Panthers Boys U13 basketball team with a plaque and individual certificates after it won the provincial gold medal. From left are Deputy Mayor and Ward 1 Coun. Debbie Urbanowicz, captains Jake D'Addazio and Michael Brettell and Mayor Dave Augustyn.

■ SOCCER

Panthers U9 Girls record 2-1

The Pelham MABO Construction Panthers U9 girls improved their record to two wins and a loss Monday at Centennial Park in Fenwick.

The Panthers handed the Welland Wizard U9 girls their first loss of the season on the strength of Gwen Gibson's second half goal. The play began when Alyssa Odeyn sent a free kick to Terin Hultink who in turn sent Gibson on her way to the Welland net. She made no mistake in putting the Panthers up 1-0. The Panthers played a solid game on defence with Amelie Marais, Marlize VanSittert, Sydney Grummett, Ellie Phelan, Katrina Belcastro and Obdeyn shutting down the Wizard attack. Rachel Wayda also played a solid game in goal for the Panthers turning away all Welland shots. The Panthers had several opportunities in the game to bury their opponents. Hailey Bronn, Leanne Dekorte, Olivia Mete, Jordyn Britton, Gibson and Hultink led the Pelham attack.

In the first game of the year the Panthers beat Niagara Falls 2 -1 on the strength of goals by Terin Hultink and Olivia Mete. Their second outing proved to be a loss to Lincoln though the Panthers pushed hard to tie the game. Pelham outplayed their Lincoln opponent but could not find the net. Hultink scored the lone Panther goal in the loss.

U9 REP BOYS MAKE SEMIFINALS IN TOURNEY

The Kaman's Auto Service U9 Rep Boys soccer team played Fort Erie in league play last week and lost 5-3. A second half team, the squad scored all their goals in the second half. First by a penalty shot by Joshua Glen who picked the corner precisely. Pelham's second goal was by Campbell Veld with a well placed shot, assisted by Ethan Mergl. The final goal was scored by Zachary Pasma assisted by Quentin Annunziata. Liam Sodtke played excellent between the pipes.

The Boys played in the Ancaster soccer tournament on the weekend and played sensational to make it to the semifinals.

In the semis they played Cambridge Blue United and lost 2-1. The lone goal scorer was Quentin Annunziata with a perfect shot in the corner assisted by Campbell Veld and Ethan Mergl. To get to the semi's Pelham's goalie Liam Sodtke did back flip kind of saves to help the team get there. Their first game of round robin play was against Cambridge White United and Pelham won 1-0. Lucas Fast got the goal from a beauty of a shot from half the field. Liam Sodke faced approx. 25 shots to be named the MVP of the game.

Pelham's second game was again saved by the goalkeeper. The score was 3-1 against Mount Hamilton. The goal scorer was Bradley Steele with the hat-trick, assists came from Zachary Pasma and Lucas Fast.

The third game of round robin play was against Waterloo. It was a hard fought game with a lose of 1-0. Pelham advanced with the most points. The defensive crew of Devon Thibodeau, Nick Chambers and Evan MacPherson stepped up their game in the back end of the field. Excellent effort by all players.

■ **GOLF:** Ontario association promotes sport

A.K. Wigg students get into the swing

PelhamNEWS Staff

A.K. Wigg School is a regular in the Ryder Cup.

That is, the elementary school plays in a Pelham version of the team golf tournament with Glynn A. Green and Pelham Centre schools each year.

It's that kind of interest that Gary Price wants to see. The golf instructor with CN Future Links, an Ontario Association of Golf program, was at A.K. Wigg last week showing the younger students the basics with plastic clubs and tennis balls.

For older students, he used regular clubs and hollow plastic balls to show them how to get more out of their swing.

"Don't tense up when you go into your swing," he told the older students. "If you do, you'll shorten your reach and top the ball."

A relaxed full swing is the most effective, he explained before giving the students a demonstration.

The Future Links program includes equipment and instruction materials for teachers to use to develop golf as a physical education program.

Next to soccer, golf is the most popular sport in the world and that's the reason it will soon return as a Summer Olympic sport in the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, Price said.

"And guess who is the defending gold medallist?" he asked.

"Canada, from the 1904 games" the last time golf was played in the Olympics.

Price said the golf program has an outdoor version for schools during May, June, September and October, and an indoor version during the cooler months.

During July and August, he runs programs at day camps and YMCAs.

"The intention is to introduce children to golf as a sport for exercise they can continue through their lives," he said.

Golf is already popular with A.K. Wigg students.

When Price's assistant Gavin Aldridge asked a Grade 3 class how many student had swung a club, two thirds raised their hands.

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A.K. Wigg Public School students learn the fundamentals of golf from CN Futures Link. It's a program presented by Golf Association of Ontario to encourage knowledge of golf among elementary school students.

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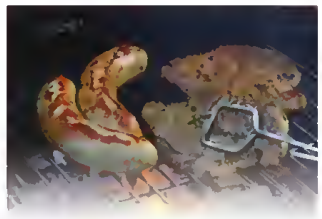

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■ TOP ATHLETES

WAYNE CAMPBELL Tribune Staff

During a school awards assembly, E.L. Crossley presented awards Thursday to its top athletes of the year. From left front are: junior athletes of the year Jillian Young, Jon Kalchman and Maria Gearing; back from left community athletic award winner Joel Cornelius, senior athletes award winners Chad Reece and Emily Gearing, and graduating athletes of the year Brandon Griffin and Kristen Johnson.

■ BASEBALL: This week on the diamonds

T-Ball begins season

For PelhamNEWS

The Mossimo's Grey Dragons bad an outstanding week in Rookie Ball action.

On Tuesday, every batter in the Dragon's lineup came up with at least one big hit to challenge the Welland Pirates. The Dragons fell behind the count after the first inning, but a quick play by shortstop Andrew Avolio and 2nd baseman Carter Nicholas for an out in the second inning marked the start of a Dragon surge.

Five runners crossed home plate in the third, including Alessandro Di Palo who was moved along by a big RBI hit by Duncan MacFarlane.

The talented gloves of Andy Bench, Mathew Martel and Trent Furlong kept the top of the inning in check. Five more runs and a rare caught tipped foul by Dan Durkin highlighted the fourth inning.

Sarah Saldutto and Hannah Holmwood also showed strong play in the 16-11 victory.

On Thursday, the Dragons had a rematch against the Welland Brewers. After getting off to a quick lead in the first, the Dragons put up an awesome defense in the bottom of the second. Pitcher Martel's throw to Durkin at first base led to the first out, while Braydon Russell at third base took care of the next two.

The Brewers rallied in the fourth to score five runs. But, with the play of pitcher Sarah Saldutto and Ben Mann at first base, the Dragons shut down the Welland team in the bottom of the fifth and placed the game out of reach.

Durkin and Furlong were unstoppable at the plate for the second game in a row. Carter Teal and Callan Saldutto's bats were also perfect in this game. The consistent play of Bench, Nicholson, Avolio and MacFarlane helped to ensure the 12-8 victory.

The TimBits T-ball season got off to a smashing start as the Red Foxes faced Team Green on the new T-Ball diamond at North Pelham. The exciting game was started by the red foxes with a solid hit by Gigi Agasucci which was followed by another hit moving all the runners around the bases.

Evan Vanvliet brought around a number of runners with a superb double late in the inning. The bases were nearly cleared by clean up batter Liam Cordiner, who brought in a number of runners before the throw to home plate. Other solid hitters were William Baltrusiunas, and Molly Hildebrandt and Ethan Morgan.

Defensively, the red foxes showed their skills in a great out lined up by Mikail Reade on third to force the batter out at first. Olivia Vanvliet played second base like an expert, letting nothing get by her. Liam Cordiner was solid at first base catching anything that came near him.

Molly Hildebrandt covered Short Stop with little to no errors forcing at least two plays at first base. Ethan Morgan, playing short stop, saved the day by bringing the ball in to home and stopping two runs to end the inning.

The Yellow Stingers had a great start to the T-ball season last week. Ethan Correia had a busy first inning as catcher and Jacob Martin had three outs on second base. Lauren Engel did an excellent job at 1st base and Jonas Nichols on the pitcher's mound ended the inning with an out. In the second inning, great cooperation between Owen Nicholls at first base and Iain MacFarlane on the pitcher's mound gained the Yellow Stingers three more outs. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and the coaches are very pleased with the kids' efforts.

The Blue Jays were ready for action in last week's game, with amazing fielding for the first game of the season. Billy Belchior caught a pop fly to get the batter out at pitcher position while Kaede McLellan and her back up William Hamilton did a great job at first base to get some batters out.

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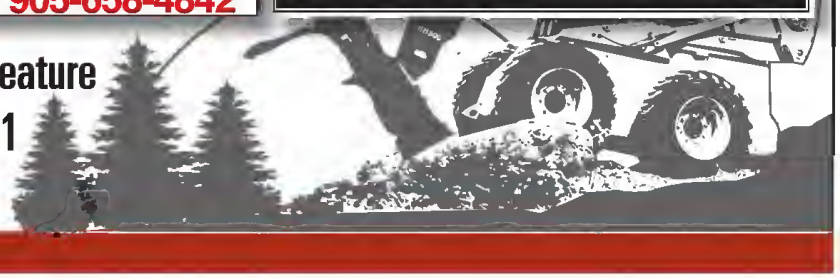

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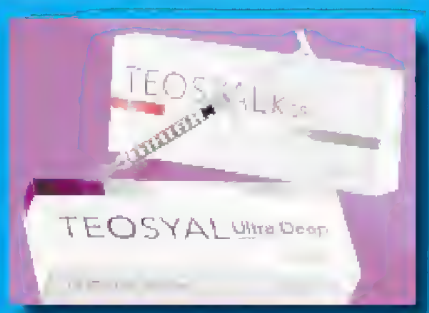

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Welland native, Randy Owen, returns to speak to the Single Bullet Theory. The accuracy of this theory becomes important to the timing of the fatal shot and to the number of shooters. Owen has spent his life researching the Kennedy assassination. He has been a presenter at JFK conferences and MC, presenter, and a member of the Medical Evidence panel at the annual JFK Lancer conference in Dallas. He has interviewed numerous high profile people connected with the assassination and has a collection of thousands of resources. Wednesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. $5. Please register ahead. Register early!!

Plotluck: Summer Adult Reading Program

The Pelham Library challenges you to broaden your reading selections through the Plotluck Summer Adult Reading Challenge. Pick up a menu from the library or visit http://www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca/adults.php. Five books and one short story is the goal. Many thanks to The Cafe on Main, Keith's Restaurant, and The Lazy Loon Restaurant and Ice Cream Bar for their support.

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Strawberry Festival organized by the Shorthills Fire and Rescue Association from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at White Meadows Farm, 2519 Effingham Road, Pelham. a family event with kids' games, prizes, draws, bouncy castle, petting zoo, horseback rides, pony shows, face painting, a live band and more. Refreshments include beef on a bun and our famous strawberry shortcake. Funds are being raised for the local firefighters' association. The funds will be used toward training tools for the firefighters, a scholarship fund and community charities such as Pelham Cares.

The Friends of Short Hills Park hosts a Photos in the Park event with photographer: Jeff Ferguson. Bring your camera, wear some bug repellant and appropriate clothing. Meet at the Roland Rd. entrance for 8 a.m. All Welcome. For more information call George Dewar at 905-892-1031.

Tulip Bulbs Giveaway at Sobey's. Come out and support the Pelham Communities in Bloom BBQ to be held at Sobey's on from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Looking for a gift for Father's Day? Come and support Communities in Bloom. The volunteer organization that helps keep Pelham beautiful has tulip bulbs to give away for a freewill donation. Also, get your dad a license plate frame that says, "Keep Pelham Beautiful". From 10 until the tulip bulbs run out on at Sobey's. For more information call Cathy at 905-892-6876.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Annual Strawberry Fair at St. Ann's Church in Fenwick (834 Canboro Road) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. It features pancakes and sausages with strawberries as well as strawberry shortcake, ice cream, hot dogs, burgers, coffee and soft drinks. Free games and face painting for the children, bake shop, penny sale raffle. Take out available. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Join the **Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club** for 28 easy kilometres. All welcome, no fee, starts 6:30 p.m. at Rockway Community Centre, Rockway. www.thefreewheelers.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Fonthill Bandshell Steve Strongman's searing, blues soaked guitar and warm soulful vocal harmonies evokes the emotion, maturity and authenticity of classic blues themes like lost love, truth and hard times. Listening to him is guitar paradise, and it is this mastery of the instrument, along with dynamic songwriting, vocal and potent performance styles, that sets this artist apart. Concert is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the bandshell in Peace Park in the Pelham Town Square. More info at www.fonthillbandshell.com

MONDAY, JUNE 28

Evening Garden Walk. Join the Pelham Horticultural Society for an Evening Garden Walk showcasing Four Gardens. For a list of Gardens and Map, meet at the library (Fonthill) at 6:30p.m. Free for members ,non members $7. Refreshments to follow (location - see map)

Join the **Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club** for 45 medium-paced kilometres. All welcome, no fee, starts at 6:30 p.m. at Harold Black Park, Fonthill. www.thefreewheelers.com

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■ **OBITUARY:** Rev. John Campbell

Former St. Alexander pastor dies

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He was always thankful.

Even when the cancer recurred about a decade after Rev. John Campbell CSC was successfully treated for it, he was thankful for the time he was given, said Rev. John Vickers, Superior of the English Holy Cross Fathers.

"He had 14 good months, and that's what he wanted," Vickers said. "He was so grateful that he'd been given the extra time. He said, 'there's nothing you can do but accept it'"

Father Campbell, who spent 54 years serving as a priest with the Congregation of Holy Cross, died Saturday -- a week before his 85th birthday.

During his final days at Hospice Niagara, Father Campbell showed his "typical" gratitude and humility when he spoke to staff there about how beautiful the facility was and questioned why he deserved to be cared for there, Vickers added.

"He was always filled with hope," said Rev. Jim Mulligan, parish priest at St. Kevin church, and a close friend of Father Campbell.

"No matter what, he was always positive. He was a great, great person of hope."

Mulligan recalled the barbecues Father Campbell used to organize for volunteers at St. Alexander Church while he was parish priest at the Fonthill church in the late 1980s and early '90s.

It was a relatively small parish at the time. As many as 200 people would participate in those events.

"John would go strawberry picking, and the Sisters and a whole number of people would prepare food," Mulligan recalled. "But what amazed me was the number of people who were engaged one way or another in that.... He really had a gift for including people and giving people a sense that this parish is theirs."

St. Alexander church has changed compared to the relatively small church Rev. Campbell led. But it was Rev. Campbell who helped start efforts to build the new church, that opened in 2001.

Funeral service for Rev. Campbell took place at St. Kevin church this week. He was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in Welland.

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